THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments. However, to facilitate development of places of tourist interest in a systematic and wholistic manner, the Ministry of Tourism had commissioned 20-year perspective plans for States/ UTs at the beginning of 10th Five year Plan. These perspective plans, which give action plans for tourism development in the short term and long term, were sent to the State/UT Governments to guide them in initiating action for development and promotion of tourism during the 11th Plan.

(c) To facilitate augmentation of hotel accommodation for tourists, the Government has asked all the State/UT Government and other land owning agencies including Indian Railways to allocate land for building hotels, especially in the budget category. They have also been advised to follow investor friendly land policies, adopt single window approach for promoting hotel projects, allot sites on revenue sharing basis, grant extra FAR/FSI for hotels, etc. Further, in order to increase the number of rooms in the budget category, Ministry of Tourism has floated schemes for the approval of guest houses and Incredible India Bed & Breakfast establishments.

For development of tourism infrastructure, the Ministry provides financial assistance to State/UT Governments, based on project proposals received from them, under the schemes of 'Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits' and 'Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects'. During the 10th Five Year Plan, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 2012.02 crore for 1160 projects to State/UT Governments.

Special tourist circuit in Assam

1991. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special initiative has been taken to establish tourist circuit at Manas National Park and development of tourism at Orang National Park of Bodoland area of Assam with special earmark of adequate funds;

(b) whether the revenue collection from the above two National parks is increasing satisfactorily according to the record of last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the resons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

The Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories for grant of central financial assistance every year under the following schemes;

(i) Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits

(ii) Large Revenue Generating projects

(iii) Fairs and festivals/Events

(iv) Information Technology

The following projects have been sanctioned for Development of tourist Circuits at Manas National park and Orang National Park in Assam:

(1) Circuit Development of Manas-Guwahati-Kaziranga, for an amount of Rs. 781.00 lakh in 2005-06.

(2) Integrated Development of Tourism Circuit, Orang-Tezpur-Bhalukpong-Biswanth Chariali-Gohpur Circuit for an amount Rs. 798.00 lakh in 2006-07

(b) to (d) Revenue collection from the above two National parks for last three years in as follows:

(Rs. in lakh)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
(1) Manas National Park	9,01,634/-	13,02,870/-	3,61,640/-
(2) Orang National Park	1,45,500/-	1,35,520/-	2,74,315/-

Revenue collection in Manas National Park decreased in 2006-07 due to breach of the bridge and bad road condition connecting the Park from Barpeta Road.

Eco-Tourism in Karnataka

1992. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has proposed development of Magadi Fort (Bangalore), integrated development of coastal circuit and Eco-tourism projects in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) A project proposal for development of Magadi Fort was received from the State Government. Since the project was not as per guidelines of the scheme hence it was not sanctioned.

The details of the projects sanctioned for Karnataka during the 10th Five Year Plan is given in the Statement (*See* below) which includes the projects sanctioned for integrated development of coastal circuit and Eco-tourism projects in Karnataka.

During the current financial year, the following projects have been sanctioned for the State of Karnataka:

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount sanctioned *(Rs. in lakh)*
1.	Development of Eco-Tourism-Setting up of Jungel Camps and Trails	322.21
2.	Development of Eco-sites at Talacauvery, Gopinatham, Bhagwati and Settinadi	380.26
3.	Integrated development of tourist circuit on Bijapur-Bidar-Gulbarga	640.97